

## Gloria Diana Peotrowski, 73



Gloria Diana (Gentile) Peotrowski, 73, of Duxbury and Naples, FL, passed away in the loving arms of her husband and with her three children by her side after a courageous battle with cancer. She was a deeply loved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend and business owner. Her bright spirit, contagious smile and ability to make everyone around her feel special will be greatly missed. She will always be remembered with love and laughter.

Gloria was born in Providence, RI on Nov. 27, 1942. She graduated from Our Lady of Fatima Nursing School in 1961 as an LPN, and in 1962, she married Frank Peotrowski, Jr. In 1972, Gloria and Frank moved their family to Duxbury, where they cherished each day of their life in this beautiful seaside community.

Gloria was a successful businesswoman, who owned three retail stores on the South Shore during the last 35 years. In 1981, Gloria followed her life-long dream and opened Once Upon A Time, a children's book and toy shop, in Marshfield. Several years later, she opened a second location in Duxbury, which she owned and operated for 25 years. In 1999, she expanded and opened Olivia Rose Boutique, a children's clothing store named after her beloved granddaughter, Olivia Rose.

Gloria loved every day that she worked in her stores and her reputation was well known throughout the South Shore. She will always be admired for her generosity to the community and her passion to serve her customers.

Gloria's love of life touched everyone who came into her presence. All of her family and friends will continue to be inspired by her positive attitude, strength, integrity and compassion.

Gloria is survived by Frank Peotrowski, her beloved husband of 54 years. She was the devoted and cherished mother of Sherri Thompson (Bill Esposito) of Marshfield, MA; Frank Peotrowski III of South Boston, MA; and Kristine Steinberg (Stu Steinberg) of Newburyport, MA. She also leaves her loving grandchildren: Dylan and Olivia Thompson and Drew, Hannah, and Jade Steinberg. She was the treasured sister of Benardo Gentile of Smithfield, RI and his wife Arlene; Antonetta Farrell of Cranston, RI and her husband Robert; Dolores Bennett of Smithfield, RI and her husband Eric; and Harold Gentile of North Providence and his wife Dahlia. She was the proud aunt to many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Gloria's life will be held at Holy Family Church, 601 Tremont St., Duxbury on Nov. 19, 2016 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital; Cranberry Hospice of Plymouth, MA, or Vitas Hospice of Naples, FL.